

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of RICHARD GREGORY  
SHOEMAKER and MEGAN RENEE  
WILLIAMS, Minors.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, f/k/a  
FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

UNPUBLISHED  
June 15, 2006

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

CHRISTINE SHOEMAKER,

Respondent-Appellant.

No. 267140  
Oakland Circuit Court  
Family Division  
LC No. 04-691754-NA

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Before: Davis, P.J., and Sawyer and Schuette, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from an order terminating her parental rights to the children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j). We affirm.

The trial court did not err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.977(J); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). While the mother may have had a job and housing, she pleaded no contest to the allegations in the supplemental petition, which included allegations that she and her oldest daughter continued to have contact with the children's abuser. The mother was on the verge of eviction. She was not only arrested for conspiracy to commit first-degree murder, but she threatened to kill herself and "take those two fucking workers with me." The results of her psychological evaluation indicated that the mother's insight and judgment were poor and, for that reason, she would not likely protect the children in the future. The mother placed the blame on everyone else but herself and failed to meaningfully engage in any services.

Having found a statutory basis for termination, the trial court was required to terminate the mother's parental rights absent clear evidence on the whole record that termination was not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). The mother failed to protect her children from abuse and then proceeded to maintain contact with their abuser. She was referred for therapy in order to deal with anger management issues and domestic abuse. The therapy was meant to help her recognize sexual abusers. The caseworker opined that, even if the trial court refused to terminate the mother's

parental rights, the mother would need an additional six months to a year of therapy to address these issues. Her persistent blaming of others for her troubles showed a lack of insight regarding her own shortcomings. The mother was not likely to change. Her children deserved permanence and stability.

Affirmed.

/s/ Alton T. Davis  
/s/ David H. Sawyer  
/s/ Bill Schuette